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E.O. 11652: GBS

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SUBJEVT: GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VIEWS ON MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION

1. IN MY INITIAL CALL ON GOVERNOR GENERAL, HE STATED THAT WHILE REFERENDUM OR ELECTIONS ARE PUREST FORM OF POPULAR CONSULTATION, THEY ARE BY NO MEANS ONLY FORM AND THAT FORCES AT PLAY MIGHT WELL LEAD TO "LESS PURE FORM OF CONSULTATION".

2. ASKED ABOUT EXTENT OF AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR FRELIMO, HE STATED ALL MOZAMBICANS DESIRE INDEPENDENCE AND THAT PROBABLY MAJORITY POPULATION SUPPORT FRELIMO BECAUSE IT OFFERS FASTEST AVENUE TO INDEPENDENCE.

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EM RE CEASE-FIRE RUMORS, GOVERNOR GENERAL SAID FRELIMO WAS

CONTINUING INSIST ON DIFFICULT PRE-CONDITIONS.

4. COMMENT: SOAGES DE MELO APPEARS TO BE IN PROCESS DROPPING HIS INSISTENCE ON A REFERENDUM AND IS REVERTING TO HIS ORIGINAL IDEA OF A NEGOTIATED TURN-OVER TO FRELIMO. WHOLE TONE OF CONVERSATION IMPLIES ABANDONMENT OF IDEA OF THIRD-FORCE POLITICAL COALITION TO OPPOSE FRELIMO.
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